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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON ROK FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES

1. I MET WITH AUSTRALIAN AND UK AMBASSADORS EVENING OF JUNE 20, AFTER THEY HAD MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TO BE BRIEFED ON ROK FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES. THEY BOTH EXPRESSED FAVORABLE OPINIONS AND BELIEVED THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE IN FULL SUPPORT. KIM DID NOT PROVIDE EITHER WITH ACTUAL TEXT OF PRESIDENT PARK' S STATEMENT BUT READ FROM ENGLISH TRANSLATION WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN VIRTUALLY FULL TEXT OF SPEECH.

2. WITH AUSTRALIAN, KIM NOTED DEGREE TO WHICH CANBERRA' S SUGGESTIONS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED. BOURCHIER ASKED FOR ROK POSITION ON UN COMMAND AND WAS TOLD THAT ROKG WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER TERMINATION. ON UNCURK, KIM SAID ROKG WOULD MAKE CLEAR IN PRESS CONFERENCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRESIDENT PARK' S STATEMENT THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO SEE UNCURK DISSOLVED, AND BOURCHIER AGREED THAT DISSOLUTION WAS PREFERABLE TO SUSPENSITC. BOURCHIER SUGGESTED THAT OTHER UNCURK AMBASSADORS AND UNCURK SECRETARY NOT BE BRIEFED UNTIL AFTERNOON OF JUNE 22.
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3. CONVERSATION WITH PETERSEN FOLLOWED ROUGHLY THE SAME LINE, ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF UN COMMAND.

4. WITH BOTH AMBASSADORS, KIM ASKED FOR SUPPORT IN ENCOURAGING RUSSIAN AND CHINESE RECOGNITION IN RESPONSE TO ROKG POLICY CHANGE. WHILE NON- COMMITAL WITH KIM, BOTH AMBASSADORS FELT THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD SUPPORT THIS IDEA AND NOT EXTEND RECOGNITION THEMSELVES TO NORTH KOREA UNTIL MAJOR COMMUNIST POWERS HAD INDICATED READINESS TO RECOGNIZE ROK.

5. PRESS HAVE CARRIED REPORT OF YESTERDAY' S FLURRY OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY, INCLUDING MY CALL AND THOSE OF BRITISH, AUSTRALIAN AND JAPANESE AMBASSADORS. FOREIGN MINISTRY PROVIDED NO INFORMATION ON SUBJECT OF CALLS, BUT PRESS SPECULATED IT MIGHT HAVE TO DO WITH FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES.

6. I MET WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR USHIROKU MORNING JUNE 21 FOR SIMILAR DISCUSSION. HE HAD RECEIVED BRIEFING BY FOREIGN MINISTER SIMILAR TO THAT GIVEN OTHERS. HE NOTED THAT IN CONVERSATION LAST WEEK IN TOKYO BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG PIL AND FOREIL MINISTER OHIRA THERE HAD BEEN NO MENTION OF DUAL ADMISSION TO UN, BUT OTHER PROPOSALS WERE DISCUSSED INCLUDING ROK READINESS SEE UNCURK AS WELL AS UNC TERMINATED. USHIROKU SAID HE WAS SURPIRSED AT DECISION ON DUAL ADMISSION WHICH WE DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH AND ABOUT WHICH I BELIEVE I REASSURED HIM. HE IS RECOMMENDING GOJ ISSUED STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, AND COMMENTED THAT HE BELIEVED NEW ROK FOREIGN POLICY IS CLOSE TO OHIRA' S THINKING AND WILL BE WELL RECEIVED IN GOJ CIRCLES.

7. STATEMENT IS NOW BEING WIDELY BRIEFED IN ROKG AND FOREIGN CIRCLES IN SEOUL. IT IS BEING WELL RECEIVED AND NEEDS NO MODIFICATION.
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